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SUBJECT: FMG CONDEMNS KILLINGS OF MINERS IN SA

1. FMG ISSUED STATEMENT SEPT. 13 CONDEMNING MURDER OF 12 AFRICAN GOLD MINERS IN CARLETONVILLE, SOUTH AFRICA AND WARNED SA OF CONSEQUENCES OF ITS ACTIONS.

2. ACCORDING DAILY TIMES, FMG REAFFIRMED IT SOLIDARITY WITH AND SUPPORT FOR AFRICANS IN SA AND CALLED ON THEM TO REDOUBLE THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM SO THAT BLOOD OF MARTYRS WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN SHED IN VAIN. FMG ALSO APPEALED TO FRIENDS OF PRETORIA TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON "APOSTLES OF APARTHEID" TO STOP SAVAGE PRACTICE OF CONSIDERING AFRICANS IN THAT COUNTRY AS CHEAP GAME. IT DESCRIBED ARGUMENT THAT POLICE KILLED AFRICANS IN SELF-DEFENSE AS "FLIMSY AND UNACCEPTABLE" AND DECLARED THAT "EVEN THE MOST CREDULOUS DUPES WILL REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT BETWEEN 40 AND 70 UNARMED AFRICAN WORKERS CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO A TROOP OF POLICEMEN ARMED WITH TRUNCHEONS, HAND GRENADES AND RIFLES."

3. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTING ON CARLETONVILLE KILLINGS HAS BEEN

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BASICALLY FACTUAL. EDITORIALS HAVE LARGELY BEEN CONFINED

TO EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICANS IN SA AND LIKENING KILLINGS TO SHARPEVILLE MASSACRE. SOME, NOTABLY DAILY TIMES, HAVE CALLED FOR PUTTING FORCIBLE END TO SITUATION. STATEMENT IS ONLY COMMENT FMG HAS MADE ON INCIDENT SO FAR, AND APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH FMG OVERALL ATTITUDE TOWARD APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. REINHARDT

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